

Hello,

As an animal lover and independent rescuer working towards starting a registered non profit in the state of CT I would appreciate your support on the following:

- 1) Support HB 5416 (Section 2): Would ban gestation crates (www.humanesociety.org/ct). Gestation crates are cruel. Pigs are extremely intelligent animals and being confined in a tiny crate is not only torturing their bodies, but it is hell mentally for them as well. Gestation crates are a tool used to maximize profits for the pork industry while ignoring the needs of the sentient being that has to be in it.
- 2) Oppose HB 5080, which would allow Sunday hunting. Is 6 days not enough for the cowardly hunters? People hunt on Sunday and during the off season all of the time. The problem is that the laws are never enforced. At least if we have more laws, then one day someone will be held accountable. When is the killing going to stop?
- 3) S.B. 445, the "puppy mill bill": Support, but with additional request to include requirements that
 - 1) all new pet shops shall not sell commercially-bred dogs AND
 - 2) for current pet shops, a phase-out of the sale of commercially-bred dogs. *This additional inclusion is vital to combat the puppy mill trade.* **How many more million have to die because people want to make a buck off the poor animals enslaved in a puppy mill? The animals are treated like trash - no vet care, food and clean water if they are lucky, and immediate death to those animals that no longer are needed. Thank goodness for groups who take in the rejected mill animals and give them what they need. If pet stores currently selling mill animals switched to animals from shelters then innocent animals would not have to die in "shelters" and mill animals would no longer have to suffer.**

Thanks for your support,
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